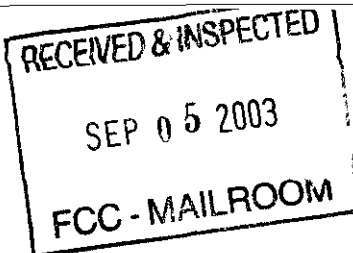




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August 25, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Board of County Commissioners would like to express its support for the "Consensus Plan" filed by public safety organizations, private wireless organizations, and Nextel, in the above-referenced proceeding regarding interference to 800 MHz public safety systems.

Our Division of Public Safety, Government Communications Network Program, provides a countywide Motorola 800 MHz voice radio and data communications system to facilitate effective and timely coordination for Lee County government and Sheriff's Department, all municipal governments and their police departments, and all fire service agencies plus state and federal offices resident within Lee County. Intermittently, over the last several years our radio system has experienced numerous minor interference problems and one major incident that were directly traced to Nextel. Nextel has always worked in close support of the County in mitigating this problem.

The FCC's adoption of the Consensus Plan would eliminate most interference to our critical systems and it also addresses the root cause of interference, rather than just fixing it after the fact. Further, the Plan provides for funding to implement the Plan and additional 800 MHz band channels for public safety.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Stilwell
County Manager

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